


May 5, 1988

To: Lowell Braxton, Administrator
From: Frank Filas, Reclamation Engineer 
Re: Parley's Canyon, DOE/035/003 & 004, Lone Star Industries

On May 3, 1988 I inspected the Parley's Canyon Quarry. The site covers 60 acres of surface disturbance. There is an old loadout facility at the base of the mountain next to I-80. The quarry is located on the steep slopes above the loadout area. The quarry slopes and highwalls are very high, and are on angles of 40 degrees and greater. The roadways into the quarry have been extensively bermed to prevent vehicle access. No trespassing signs are also located at the loadout area.

The file history on this site is detailed below:

- (1) In 1977 Portland Cement Co. (Lone Star) submitted an exemption on the Parley's Quarry (DOE/035/004). It appears that no followup was ever initiated.
- (2) In 1986 Lone Star Industries submitted an annual report for the Parley's Quarry along with the annual reports for their quarries in Tooele County. This report indicated that 130,000 tons of limestone was mined and milled at Parley's during 1985, but that this work was all done from existing benches.
- (3) In June, 1987 a second DOE application was received for the Parley's Canyon Quarry (DOE/035/003). No followup or explanation is documented in the file.

On May 4, 1988 I called Taylor Leaming who has replaced Jim Lake at Lone Star Industries. He said that the Parley's Quarry has been shutdown for almost three years. The company has no future plans for the site due to the poor quality of the limestone.

Summary

It is apparent from the data in the files that the Parley's Canyon Quarry had been developed to its full 60 acre extent when the Mined Land Reclamation Act was implemented in 1977. It is also apparent that limestone was mined on an intermittent basis between 1977 and 1985, and that more than two acres were being used or redisturbed during mining operations. In other words, it is debatable whether this operation should have been allowed to file an exemption.

Recommendation

There is very little reclamation work that is possible in the quarry area itself due to the extremely steep slopes that cover 90 percent of the quarry area. However, the load out area and the old equipment on site could be removed. This would eliminate a visual eyesore.

I recommend that a letter be sent to Lone Star Industries notifying them that the exemption has been retired. A recommendation or a requirement could be made in this letter to reclaim the loadout area if the company has no further use for the facility. I will have pictures of the quarry developed within a few days and would like to discuss the quarry at our next team meeting.

cc: W. Hedberg
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Parley's Quarry

Steep walls in Quarry Area

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Parley's Canyon Quarry

Old equipment immediately
above the loudont.

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Loudont facility along I-80

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